



SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE *for Global Intergovernmental Affairs*

BUILDING BRIDGES

SECRETARY'S VISION

"Communities the world over are grappling with the same issues: how to promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth, improve education and public health, fight corruption and ensure accountable governance that delivers results that make a difference in people's lives. So we are seeking in the State Department to build partnerships that will allow local officials to exchange ideas."

*Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton
May 7, 2010*



Secretary Clinton and Brazilian Foreign Minister Patriota sign U.S.-Brazil MOU on State and Local Cooperation. April 2012. Department of State photo



Secretary Clinton meets with U.S. Delegation to Rio+20 which included U.S. mayors. June 2012. Department of State photo

THE MISSION

- Subnational engagement as a foreign policy tool
- Outreach to U.S. and foreign subnational leaders
- Coordination of peer-to-peer opportunities for subnational dialogues

GOALS

- Create a bridge between U.S. local officials and their counterparts abroad
- Establish Memorandums of Understandings (MOUs) between countries, states and territories, cities, counties, and tribal communities
- Place economic statecraft at the heart of U.S. diplomacy to further foreign policy priorities
- Promote global trade and investment, and job creation



Secretary Clinton, right, and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov arrive to sign a U.S.-Russian Joint Statement on Strengthening Interregional Cooperation in Vladivostok, Russia. September 2012. AP Photo/Jim Watson, Pool



Special Representative Lewis and Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley witness signing of business agreement during Maryland Trade Mission to India. November 2011. Maryland Governor's office photo



Special Representative Lewis participates in U.S.-China Governors Forum in Beijing, China. October 2011. NGA photo

Key Subnational ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The U.S.-China MOU to promote subnational cooperation
- The U.S.-Brazil MOU to support state and local cooperation
- The U.S.-Russia joint statement on interregional cooperation
- The U.S.-India "Conversation among Cities"



"...the inclusion of subnational leaders can assist in building stable and secure societies while broadening and deepening U.S. bilateral relationships."

Special Representative Lewis